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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING OCTOBER 30, 1974:

QUOTE: Q. THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE  
SECRETARY WOULD BE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE NEAR FUTURE.  
DO YOU HAVE DATES YET?

A. NOT YET. THE SECRETARY HIMSELF SAID ON ARRIVAL IN  
DACCA . . . THE DECISION ON WHETHER HE WOULD GO, AND HENCE  
THE DATES AND TIMES, WOULD BE MADE IN THE NEXT 72 HOURS.

Q. I GATHER, THOUGH, THAT RABIN HAD SAID THAT THE DECISION  
HAD BEEN MADE TO GO.

A. WELL, I HAD NOT SEEN THAT. AND AS FAR AS I AM CON-  
CERNED, THE DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE, BECAUSE I HAVEN'T  
BEEN TOLD ABOUT IT YET.

Q. WHY HASN'T THE DECISION BEEN MADE YET?

A. WELL, LET ME GIVE YOU THE FULL QUOTE THAT THE SECRETARY

ISSUED ON HIS WAY TO DACCA. "I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE  
DOOR TO ALL NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS CLOSED, BUT  
IN WHAT FRAMEWORK THERE CAN BE NEGOTIATIONS, THAT WILL HAVE  
TO BE SEEN. PROBABLY I WILL GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT  
THAT DECISION WILL BE MADE ONLY IN THE NEXT 72 HOURS."

Q. WAS THIS REFERENCE TO THE DOOR AFTER THE RABAT SUMMIT?  
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A. YES.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE MEANS, IN ANY SPECIFIC WAY?

A. I CAN ONLY GIVE YOU WHAT HE SAID.

Q. A MONTH OR SO AGO, THERE WERE REPORTS THAT NEGOTIATIONS

HAD BECOME DIFFICULT WITH THE ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS OVER THE SAFEGUARDS FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY AID PROGRAM. HAS THERE BEEN ANY MOVEMENT, ANY REPORT, ANYTHING YOU CAN SAY ON THAT?

A. NO, I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT.

Q. THE DIFFICULTIES STILL REMAIN?

A. I CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE WE LEFT IT.

Q. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE SAFEGUARDS THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOW DEMANDING INVOLVED ON-SITE INSPECTION OF FACILITIES IN-COUNTRY. WAS THAT EVER CONFIRMED?

A. I REMEMBER A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF IT HERE. BUT I AM NOT AWARE THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY MOVEMENT. CERTAINLY I DON'T HAVE ANY FRESH INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION FOR YOU. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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